

roads, highways or bridges, or any of them within the limits of such city, constructed, repaired or otherwise improved by said county board, or be liable in any manner for their want of repairs.

Sec. 2. Expenditures validated.—All acts heretofore performed and all expenditures heretofore made for building, repairing or otherwise improving of any street, road or highway within any city of the first class by any county board and the members thereof are hereby ratified and approved.

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CHAPTER 377—S. F. No. 929.

An act relating to borrowing funds for support or relief of the poor, and confirming all bonds issued and all proceedings had for the issuance of such bonds, for the purpose embraced herein, so as to extend the operation of said act until December 31, 1944; limiting in certain cases the amount of bonds that can be issued without a vote of the people; and amending Laws 1941, Chapter 403, Sections 3 and 8.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Law amended.—Laws 1941, Chapter 403, Section 3, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 3. Issue of bonds for relief of poor.—Bonds or other evidence of indebtedness may be issued pursuant to the authority granted and for the purposes specified herein by following the regular statutory or charter procedure applicable to such political subdivision, provided, however, that any political subdivision now required by statute or by charter to submit the question of the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to a referendum vote, is hereby authorized to issue and sell such public welfare bonds or other evidence of indebtedness without submitting the question of such issue to a referendum vote; by following the procedure hereinafter outlined. It is further provided that any political subdivision now required by statute or by charter to submit the question of the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to a referendum vote, may without a vote of the people, in the year 1941 issue such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed 90% of the amount issued in 1940 for this purpose; in the year 1942 in an amount not to

exceed 75% of the amount issued in 1940 for this purpose; in the year 1943 in an amount not to exceed 65% of the amount issued in 1940 for this purpose; *and in the year 1944 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. for this purpose.*

Before any such bonds or other evidence of indebtedness may be issued hereunder by a political subdivision which is restricted by statute or by charter provision from issuing bonds and pledging the credit thereof without submitting the proposal to make such issue to a referendum vote of the electors of such political subdivision, a resolution shall first be adopted by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the official body or bodies authorized to make loans within the political subdivision, declaring an emergency to exist making it necessary to borrow in the specified amount without submitting the question of issuance of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness to a vote of the electors of said political subdivision. The action of the governing body shall be by resolution, irrespective of any requirement of any home-rule charter, general or special law requiring such action to be by ordinance. This resolution shall then be submitted to the Governor of the State, together with all facts deemed necessary to support such emergency action, including the general financial condition of the political subdivision, the need for the funds, and the funds which may be available, public or private, and such other information as may be required. If after investigation the Governor finds that the amounts requested are within the reasonable needs of the political subdivision and that no other funds are available to meet the same or that it is not possible or practicable, in view of other governmental needs of the political subdivision to secure the necessary funds from other sources or by regular methods of borrowing, he shall certify that an emergency exists sufficient to warrant the issuance of such bonds or other evidence of indebtedness subject to the requested exemption. The Governor may reduce but shall not increase the amount requested in such resolution. Upon such certification, the said governing body or bodies may then proceed to issue and sell such bonds or other evidence of indebtedness pursuant to the resolution aforesaid and in the manner prescribed by Section 1943, Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927, and they shall be valid legal obligations of the political subdivisions without the referendum vote of the electors."

Sec. 2. Law amended.—Laws 1941, Chapter 403, Section 8, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8. Effective until December 31, 1944.—This act shall be in force and effect until December 31, 1944."

Approved April 10, 1943.